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# MARITIME UNIONS FIRM IN 85TH DAY OF STRIKE

## Los Angeles Labor Rallies for Coming Municipal Elections

### NAZIS, ITALY, JAPAN HIT AT SPAIN GOVT.

Goering, Mussolini and Arita Concoct Lies About "Bolshevist Menace" in Spain; Spain Militia Win Victories

ROME—Conferring on details of their pact for a robber war against the Soviet Union, Col.-Gen. Hermann Goering, Hitler's understudy, and Mussolini last Tuesday tried to provide an excuse for their flagrant intervention against the legal, democratic government of Spain, in manufacturing a "Bolshevik menace" in Spain.

Goering and Mussolini were

to confer again Friday.

**Japanese Lies About Spain**

TOKYO—Under fire for collaborating with Nazi Germany and Italy in a war pact against the Soviet Union, Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita tried to cover up in his annual address to Parliament last Thursday by a bitter attack against the Communist International, taking the Hitler-Mussolini line that the Communist International is to blame for the civil war in Spain.

Arita, who speaks for Japan's militarist-Fascist clique, defended his anti-Soviet pact with Germany, and repeated Japan's determination to "insure stability" in China. He confirmed recognition of Mussolini's conquest of Ethiopia.

Domei News Agency reported the Japanese army is preparing a declaration to the nation demanding complete militarization of the puppet state of Manchukuo.

**Govt. Victory in Six Months**

MADRID—The legal, democratic Popular Front Government of Spain will defeat Fascism within six months, predicted Gen. António Mijia, head of the defense junta here.

Government militia recaptured the strategic hill top of El Cerro de los Angeles, near Madrid, in a surprise action, then retreated to a better tactical position, stating "the main object of the surprise attack was to demoralize the rebels in that sector."

**5 APPEARANCES BY SPAIN YOUTH**

In Southern California; To Speak In San Francisco

LOS ANGELES.—The four members of the Spanish Youth Delegation are scheduled to make five appearances in Southern California during the month of February.

On February 12, Maria Simarro, member of the delegation will speak in San Bernardino. The entire delegation will appear in San Diego for the 13th and in San Pedro for the 14th.

**Big Mass Meet**

A banquet in their honor will be given in Los Angeles on the 23rd.

Climaxing their tour of the state, a huge mass meeting will be given at the Shrine Auditorium, February 24.

The delegation is touring under the auspices of the North American Committee for the Defense of Spanish Democracy.

The Spanish Youth Delegation will speak at Dreamland Auditorium in San Francisco on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at eight o'clock. Tickets are on sale at Sherman Clay, Emporium, Paul Elders, American League, 320 Market St. Prices are 15¢, 25¢ and 40¢.



**ALL AID TO THE PEOPLES' FRONT FIGHT IN SPAIN**

(Statement of California State Committee, Communist Party, U.S.A.)

The magnificent struggle of the Spanish People's Front against the Fascist hordes of General Franco, Hitler, and Mussolini has aroused the admiration and support of the working class and all true friends of democracy throughout the world. The struggle in Spain is the central point in the world-wide struggle of the masses of the people against the threatening onslaught of Fascists whose reactionary exponents are also raising their heads and voices in America.

**Need Ever More Support**

The forces of the People's Front in their struggle against Spanish Fascists and the foreign intervention of German and Italian

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**LEAVE IT TO THOSE NAZIS FOR SCABBERY**

SAN PEDRO.—You can leave it to the Nazis to go in for strikebreaking every time.

With the Nazi swastika flag, symbolic of murder, aloft, the Hamburg-American freighter Wesser (arriving with steel cargo from Vancouver) docked with the use of Nazi seamen at 7 a.m. Jan. 18, embarked 60 passengers at berth and 60 in the outer harbor, and then left.

This is the second such trick pulled during the strike by a Nazi ship.

### DENY RETRIAL; WILL APPEAL KING VERDICT

New Facts Showed Prosecutor Link With Juror

OAKLAND—"Have any of the defendants anything to say as to why sentence should not be passed?"

Judge Frank M. Ogden drownded out the legal formula Wednesday after he had denied the motion for a new trial to the victims of the ship-murder frameup.

"Yes," said Defendant Earl King. "I have."

Whereupon Judge Ogden callously explained that it had been a fair trial, that the defendants had had their day in court, that he saw no need for any statement from King, that, in short, King could make no statement.

**Craven Judge**

"You are as craven as those three men. You are afraid to hear what I have to say," declared King before he sat down. The three men indicated were District Attorney Earl Warren and his assistants, Charles D. Weht and Ralph Hoyt.

Ogden was as callously par-

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### AIDS PEOPLE'S SACTO. LOBBY

**Johnson Will Report Conference**

OAKLAND—When John Wolters, vice-president of the Typographical Union, reported back on the California People's Legislative Conference, held in Sacramento last weekend, the Alameda County Central Labor Council voted a donation of \$100 to the Conference.

The donation will go to help finance a permanent People's

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**The Western Worker Drive**

### COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS MAKE THE TOTAL READ—\$12,000!

HOLLYWOOD isn't the only place where things can be done with figures!

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Oakland, with only \$244.63 on its \$1000 quota—34.4 per cent.

San Diego, which went over the top in 1936, with only \$83.10 raised on its \$400 quota, 21 per cent.

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### E. BAY LABOR SLATE; FIGHT PICKET LAWS

Berkeley Anti-Picket Ordinance Ruled Void; Resolution Gives Basis for Labor's Role in April Elections

OAKLAND—Preparing to have its own candidates on the ballot in the April municipal elections, organized labor of Alameda County has one of the most vital issues on its hands—the fight to repeal all anti-picketing ordinances in Alameda County.

The fight on the anti-picket law has begun with Oakland as its starting point.

**Berkeley Law Invalid**

Opening up a determined drive to end all anti-picket ordinances in the county, labor has been heartened by a decision of Superior Judge Leon

The committee to select labor candidates in the April Alameda County elections has been set up. Heading the committee is Gene Gaillac, head of the Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor. William Spooner, secretary of the Labor Council, is the committee's secretary.

Others named are: J. R. Johnson, Electrical Workers; Paule Heide, Warehousemen; John Wolters, Typos; T. J. Roberts, Operating Engineers; John Moran, Pressmen; Louis Martin, Sheet Metal Workers. The committee will have 15 members.

Gray, invalidating that section of the Berkeley anti-picket law making picketing and loitering on the sidewalk" a misdemeanor.

A writ was issued preventing trial of Leonard Fels, warehouseman arrested last September in the Woolworth strike.

Meanwhile William A. Spooner, secretary of the Labor Council, and attorney Galliano have filed an appeal with the city clerk of Oakland asking repeal of the Oakland anti-picketing ordinance, and an affidavit of

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**S. F. MEMORIAL HONORS LENIN SAT., JAN. 23**

Schneiderman Talks On New Soviet Constitution; Saunders Speaks

SAN FRANCISCO—"The New Soviet Constitution," that historic document of democracy, for which Lenin worked, will be the subject of the main address by Wm. Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party, at the Lenin Memorial meeting here next Saturday, January 23, 8 p. m., at Scottish Rite Auditorium.

A mass anti-Fascist pledge will be one of the features of the program.

The Waterfront Section of the C. P. is scheduled to receive the prize banner in the Browder-Ford Recruiting Drive, and its organizer, D. L. Saunders, will speak.

A musical program will feature the Royal Hawaiians, Freiheit Gezangs-Verein and Bernice Mintz, pianist.

Chairman will be Frank Specter, San Francisco organizer, C. P. Half of the collection will go to the S. F. quota in the \$12,000 Western Worker Drive.

(Reports of five other meetings throughout California will appear in the next issue.)

**F.D. Doesn't Plan to Curb Supreme Court**

WASHINGTON—Persons close to the White House state that President Roosevelt is not planning to push any legislation to curb the powers of the Supreme Court.

Organized labor is very much concerned at the anti-labor actions of the court, and Roosevelt is going back on an implied promise to it.

**Ask 20% R.R. Raise**

CHICAGO—After meeting for a week, a joint committee of 5 railroad brotherhoods announced that a 20% increase will be asked, to apply to all the railroad unions.

### LABOR SLATE GETS UNDER WAY IN L. A.

Meet Sunday to Set Up City Central Committee

LOS ANGELES—Active organization of a labor slate in Los Angeles' municipal elections this April and May, will be advanced this Sunday, January 24, 2 p. m., when Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections meets again at Painters' District Council Hall, 1748 Santee St., to set up a City Central Committee.

Forty-two local unions and central bodies answered the initial call sent out by Painters' District Council, No. 36, and all other unions in L. A. County are being urged to elect three delegates each to participate in Sunday's conference.

Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections has set up offices at 524 South Spring St., Room 224, telephone Mutual 6581. A leaflet issued states:

"The problem facing us is: How can we put into office men who will abolish anti-picketing and other anti-labor laws, who will remove such labor haters as Police Chief Davis and others,

**ANTI-STRIKE BILL MENACES**

**Biggar Proposal For Cal. Industrial Court**

SACRAMENTO—Senator Biggar's strikebreaking legislation has been introduced into the legislature. Under Biggar's proposal strikes would be made illegal. A special court would be established, to mediate disputes. The court would have unlimited powers. It could issue injunctions and subpoenas.

The industrial court was once tried in Kansas, where it proved such a union-smashing weapon that organized labor was at the point of declaring a general strike against it. It was finally dissolved because of its ill-repute.

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### ILA OFFERS 2 PROPOSALS TO SHIPPERS

Engineers, Sailors and Firemen Reject Tentative Agreements Reached As Being Unsatisfactory

NEW YORK—East Coast striking seamen voted Friday morning to end the three-months-old strike here. All duly elected leaders remain in office and no final action will be taken until a vote of the rank and file is taken in all East and Gulf Coast ports.

The Pacific Coast ILA Executive Board late Thursday made two proposals to the shippers. They are:

**PLAN A**

In accordance with the letter of October 23, 1936, signed by the 26 companies:

1. Continuation of the award of October 12, 1934, as intended by the arbitration board, with

**WASHINGTON — Descending upon the capital by foot, bus and train, over 100 striking seamen won from two cabinet officers here a promise that pressure would be applied on Congress to speed action in the recently introduced Sirovich resolution suspending sections of the Copeland act for six months.**

# RALPH BATES, NOTED BRITISH WRITER, STIRS L.A. AUDIENCES, TELLS OF HEROIC SPAIN FIGHT

**Direct From Ranks of Peoples Army, He Tells of Fascist Barbarism; Need of Gas Masks; Big Sum of Money Raised**

By T. J. STEWARD

LOS ANGELES—Ralph Bates, distinguished British novelist and soldier direct from the ranks of the Spanish workers, swayed a tremendously enthusiastic audience of more than a thousand persons here on the evening of January 18 at the Trinity Auditorium into impassioned acclaim for support of the Spanish Popular Front in its struggle to maintain democracy against the onslaught of the Fascist invaders.

He declared that in the first year after the establishment of the republic the people of Spain, in a wave of enthusiasm to combat a 42 per cent illiteracy, opened more than 7000 schools.

## What Happened in Barcelona

Bates told of the first Fascist attack in Barcelona. He said it occurred early on a Sunday morning, when the people were on their way to church, picnics and returning from night work in factories, completely unaware of impending danger.

## Suddenly the gates of the barracks were thrown open and hundreds of heavily armed Fascist troops poured into the streets. They opened fire on the unsuspecting populace and people were slaughtered like cattle.

Immediately calls went out through the city and workers, many of them half-clothed, responded by hundreds. Armed only with the crudest weapons—shotguns, clubs and even but with bare hands—these heroic workers banded together and faced machine guns and artillery.

## Unity of People

In telling of the struggle for unity of the people that comprise the Popular Front, Bates said: "We were compelled by the force of history, by the logic of good sense, to come together. Anarchists, Socialists, Communists and other political groups came together on last October 16th and signed and sealed agreements to come together for the common good. Gone forever is the possibility of Spanish workers fighting against each other."

## Fascist Barbarism

Bates told of scores of cases of Italian and German planes slaughtering hundreds of women and children with bombs. He said that when we hear from the pro-Fascist American and British press that Franco does not take Madrid because of his mercy, it is well to recall an incident that occurred not long ago in Madrid.

## Approximately 1800 old men, women and children were standing in line in broad day light waiting for rations of milk, when a fleet of Fascist airplanes swept over the line, dropping bombs and turning loose machine guns with deadly effect.

This is Franco's mercy," said Bates. "Another example of Franco's mercy was when his imported aviators bombed the Orphans' Hospital and 120 torn and broken bodies of children under the age of 12 years was the result."

## Maintain Solidarity

Bates told of the urgent need of gas masks. He said already poisonous gases had been used against the workers and their families by the Fascists.

We have definite information that when the Fascists realize they cannot be victorious any other way, they will resort to the wholesale use of poisonous gases. We have faced tanks, airplanes, and now this new horror," said Bates as he called for American workers to aid their Spanish brothers.

## Blacklist Lettuce Labor in Imperial

SACRAMENTO.—Twenty-two State Assembly members have endorsed the proposed California Youth Act, which is being introduced by Assemblyman Elmer Lore, of San Fernando Valley.

The bill would set up a commission authorized to provide work projects with minimum salaries of \$10 a month for high school students, \$20 a month for college students and \$30 for unemployed not in schools. A \$10,000,000 appropriation is required.

Goldblatt obtained reduction, from \$500 to \$1000, of the bond required after Judge St. Sure had issued a temporary injunction to forbid the Salinas Valley Shippers-Growers Assn. from continuing its blacklist of former strikers.

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# A Special Maritime Strike Page of News and Features

## WHAT A SAILORS' UNION MEMBER IN SAN PEDRO THINKS LABOR NEEDS--A FARMER-LABOR PARTY

**Writing Letters to Rossi Isn't Enough of a Retaliation, Says This Typical Man on the Picket Lines**

By a Sailors' Union Member

SAN PEDRO—"Now is the time for all good union men to come to the aid of the Farmer-Labor Party!" That, in effect, was the emphatic declaration of one of the most progressive and clear-thinking members of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific when interviewed by the Western Worker at Strike Headquarters in San Pedro.

## SHOW CO. UNION MENACE IN B. C.

### Vancouver I.L.A. In Appeal to Dockers

VANCOUVER—In an appeal to the men still working on the Vancouver waterfront, Local 38-126 points out that after a settlement is reached all hiring will be done through International Longshoremen's Association halls.

A special meeting on Tuesday night, January 12, at which a deadline was to be set for all applicants for membership to be in the I.L.A. official state that those who have failed to make application when the deadline is reached, will have signified their intention of "taking their chances with the company-controlled unions," and will deserve no consideration from the bona fide unions.

On a strong last minute appeal before the deadline was set, the union, through the medium of its daily bulletin, pointed out the menace of the company union system to working conditions on the waterfront, and urged the members of such company-controlled organizations to act in their own interests by taking advantage of the I.L.A. local's offer of membership before it is too late.

## N.W., EAST BAY LABOR AID KING

OAKLAND—The Alameda County Central Labor Council is unanimously on record demanding a new trial for the ship murderer frameup victims, Earl King, E. G. Ramsay and Frank Conner.

Copies of the resolution passed had been sent to District Attorney Warren and Gov. Merriam.

SEATTLE—The Seattle Central Labor Council sharply rapped the frameup conviction of King, Ramsay and Conner, when it demanded a new trial in a resolution passed by the Council.

Support from every section of Northwest Labor for the three frameup victims seems assured.

## Concerning Corn, Bananas, Etc.

The perishable cargo question has now been made the pivotal issue in the maritime lockout. Mayor Rossi of San Francisco is even leading the latest concerted attack on the unions under the banner of perishables. (We are not surprised at this, remembering as we do that he yelled for militia to break our strike in 1934, and vowed to open the port of San Francisco, "even if the streets should flow with blood.")

**Hue and Cry**

The shipowners have inspired the hue and cry that the deterioration of these cargoes is the fault of the unions and that we should unload them. We would remind the public of the facts that the shipowners had planned this maritime lockout for months before they forced it upon us when our last working agreements expired. They accepted these cargoes for shipment in their bottoms, knowing in advance that the present situation would prevail! They had foreseen that the losses and suffering of the consignees of this cargo, and their agitation for its discharge would tend to align some measure of public opinion against the unions and add to the pressure being generated by shipowners' propaganda in preparation for coming strikebreak-

ers.

Thus the shipowners would have us maneuvered into unloading most of their ships while we are out on strike. This would result in many strikers working while the remainder walked the picket lines. What would be the logical result? It would be dissension and disruption in the ranks of the Maritime Federation! This is the aim of the shipowners, and they are using the fulcrum of perishable cargoes to this end, as they planned many months ago to do!

## Strikers Get Aid In Middle West

LOS ANGELES.—Because of a serious shortage of funds caused by the length of the strike and the State's unfair discrimination in matters of relief, the striking maritime unions in San Pedro are beginning a giant funds campaign which is to extend inland as far as Salt Lake City.

Volney G. Mathison, union spokesman declared that approximately 200 men have been sent to talk to unions and liberal organizations in Denver, Salt Lake, and Butte.

## Cops' Strange Connection with Holman

OAKLAND.—That the boss newspapers distort news beyond recognition and slander its working class and its representatives, is a fact being well established in the present labor disputes.

**The "Innocent Bystander"**  
A week ago, scare-headlines proclaimed to the supposedly gullible public that the I.L.A. had participated in a "riot." A perfectly "innocent" bystander, carrying an "unloaded" shotgun, was set upon by panicky longshoremen who mistook this "harmless" citizen for a thug and proceeded to beat him up!

The writer who distorted the honest facts of this incident into such a disgusting fabrication, must then have resorted to an old standby, cheap booze, to coax his conscience into forgetfulness.

The incident as it actually occurred was described by Johnny O'Connor, Chief of Maritime Control.

Driving home from picket duty, a Negro longshoreman was crowded into the curb by a Ply-

mouth sedan at 7th and Center Sts., stronghold of scabby Lee Holman's thugs.

This was either an attempt to intimidate or to beat up the union longshoreman, a plan that did not materialize due to the sudden illness of the occupants of the Plymouth sedan, an illness known as Yellowitis, common to fink thugs and gunmen.

Noting the license number on the Plymouth, the longshoreman returned to union headquarters and reported the incident. Maritime Control investigation disclosed that the Plymouth was owned by Lee Holman's chief henchman and gunman Morris, and that the license plates had been issued for a Ford V8!

As Chief of Maritime Control, Johnny O'Connor drove down to 7th and Center to investigate and warn Morris that his thuggery would not be tolerated.

### Gunman Morris

Morris, however, did not wait for O'Connor's announced intentions. Long awaiting the opportunity to catch unguarded a prominent member of the I.L.A. in his police-protected hang-out,

Morris drew a revolver and thrust it into O'Connor's midriff. The thug's bravado was not sufficient to permit him to murder thus cold-bloodedly in broad daylight and in full view of hundreds of pedestrians, however, and he hesitated, looking about him for some henchman to come to his aid.

At that moment another Holman thug appeared with a shotgun. Having seen O'Connor, he supposed that the entire I.L.A. had arrived to clean out the nest of rats.

O'Connor seized the shotgun and then—the police arrived. The odds had been reversed. The police were there to protect the murderous Holman thugs, and were nobly performing their duty.

An officer broke the gun and pocketed the shells. Calling the Black Maria, he sped Morris away from the scene. The I.L.A. officials meanwhile pointed out to the police the hideout of scores of armed gunmen at 16 and Chestnut Sts and asked that this arsenal be cleaned out. Making a spurious search, the

police announced that no one was in the hall! And this, before eye witnesses and in plain view of shotguns and clubs!

At the central police station, Captain Trotter informed the I.L.A. that they did not possess enough evidence to swear out a warrant. Scores of witnesses to the menacing of O'Connor with shotgun and revolver were not sufficient to swear out a complaint. And the violation of the State Motor Vehicle Act was not enough to send a Holman-ship-owner thug to prison!

Later that same day, Captain Trotter's police escorted the thugs from their 16 and Chestnut arsenal safely across the San Francisco Bridge. Oakland was too hot.

The constant vigil of murderous thugs at Seventh and Carson has been resumed. They await another opportunity to catch an I.L.A. man unguarded. And gunman Morris, Lee Holman's chief lieutenant in the matter of disposing of union longshoremen, may not get weak-kneed next time he has a gun stuck in a man's belly.

## PUBLIC OFFICIALS' DAWDLING IN MODESTO CASE IS SHARPLY RAPPED BY DEFENSE COMMITTEE

**Merriam Has Full Proof of Frameup for Over a Month But Has Taken No Action Whatsoever**

SAN FRANCISCO—"Inaction" of four public officials drew sharp criticism this week from the Modesto Defense Committee.

C. A. Baker, chairman of the committee, cited the fact that proof of the innocence of the Modesto Standard Oil frameup victims was made public more than six weeks ago, but nothing has been done to free them.

Governor Merriam was given full proof of their innocence more than a month ago," said Baker.

"He has evidently forgotten what he said then: 'If what you say is true, these men should not remain in prison another hour.'

Frank C. Skyes, chairman of the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, was given all the evidence in the case nearly two weeks ago," Baker continued. "The board met last week—and did nothing toward freeing the seven men still in prison."

The new evidence consists of a confession by James Scudder, star prosecution witness, that he committed perjury when eight members of maritime unions were convicted in 1935 in Modesto on a charge of malicious possession of dynamite.

Rossi Also Rapped

Scudder confessed he lied at the instigation of District Attorney Leslie Cleary of Stanislaus county and special prosecutor Glenn Devore, of Standard Oil.

The Defense Committee, which is supported by the California State Federation of Labor, criticized State Attorney General U. S. Webb for his failure to take action against Cleary.

Mayor Angelo Rossi of San Francisco was also rapped. Scudder confessed he was hired as a Standard Oil stool pigeon through three San Francisco police officials.

**Who Skogman Is—He Scabbed in '34**

NEW YORK—The Joint Marine Strike Council here, headed by Joseph Curran, said that information has been received from the West Coast striking maritime workers that Glenn-Moore Skogman, ousted member of the East Coast Council had a long record as a scab-herder and provocateur.

Skogman suddenly "resigned" from the strikers' committee here, urging the strikers to abandon the marine walkout and "return to sea." He also made his peace with Ivan Hunter, head of the International Seamen's Union, and shippers' tool, whom the strikers have been struggling to run out of the union since the walkout took place.

In part, the resolution read:

"Resolved, That we affirm our continued belief in the innocence of these framed Union brothers and declare they are entitled to and shall receive our unqualified support to prevent another Mooney or Modesto case."

## Skulduggery In Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — In an attack that showed the hands of the shippers and police through its concerted efficiency, scabs here put four pickets in the hospital and seriously wounded at least two others at the Merchants and Miners docks.

The scabs attacked simultaneously from shipboard and picket line, and severely gashed the four pickets with ice-picks, knives and other weapons.

**Four in Hospital**

The four men who had to be taken to the hospital were all members of the International Seamen's Union, and two others who were attacked later were thought to be also seamen. In the latter case it is thought that the "Goon Squad" is responsible.

The bloody sortie upon the pickets was well planned. This was brought out forcefully in the fact that several hours before it occurred a woman told seamen that her "boy friend" among the scabs had told her how and when it would occur.

The fact that it was not avoided by the pickets was due to the fact that the woman did not know which docks the attack would be staged upon.

The scabs attack, with its thinly-veiled police co-operation, could not effectively break the picket line was shown when the four maimed pickets were immediately replaced by others.

Police were conveniently drawn when the scabs began their slashing.

No arrests had been made by Wednesday night.

**Water Taxi Outfit Signs Up In With Boatmen's Union**

LONG BEACH—The De Luxe Water Taxi Co. of Long Beach, engaged in motor launch service of all kinds, has signed an agreement with the Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific. This agreement completely unionizes their water taxi crews.

The agreement provides for a 15 cent per hour wage increase for all boat crews. This raises their wages to 75 cents per hour for operators and 55 cents per hour for deckhands.

The boycott conducted by the Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific against the De Luxe Water Taxi Co. is therefore lifted. This agreement was signed after several months of intermittent negotiations. All water taxi companies in the harbor are now working under union conditions.

## LABOR SOLIDARITY

AKRON, O.—Five thousand dollars worth of food is being collected by Rubber Workers

Union members as a gift to auto

strikers throughout the country.

## LABOR AND THE COPELAND ACT

### What the Unions In San Francisco Think

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco Central Labor Council was speaking for all the unions here when it adopted the following resolution on the Copeland Act:

(Presented by Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast and adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council January 8, 1937.)

Whereas, The provisions of the Copeland ship subsidy law (H.R. 8599) give too much power to the United States Maritime Commission, in that the said commission is authorized to set wages, hours of work, and manning scales for all shipboard crafts employed on subsidized vessels, without regard to collective bargaining or recognition of agreements between unions and employers; and

Whereas, The Copeland safety at sea act (H.R. 8597) provides for the issuance of "continuous discharge books" and "certificates of service or efficiency" which certifies American seamen consider detrimental to their best interests and constitutional rights as organized American workers; and

Whereas, Nowhere in these laws is provision made for the right of collective bargaining, for the recognition of legal contracts or agreements between unions and employers, or for the recognition of legitimate unions which American seamen have elected to organize; and

Whereas, The legislative committee of the American Federation of Labor sanctioned and supported these laws at the last session of Congress; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this organization requests the legislative committee of the American Federation of Labor to withdraw its support from the ship subsidy act (H.R. 8599) and the safety at sea act (H.R. 8597); and be it further

Resolved, That we urgently request the legislative committee of the American Federation of Labor to make every effort to have these laws amended so as to recommend the following guarantees to organized labor:

1. Amendment of the ship subsidy act to include a clause guaranteeing collective bargaining, recognition of agreements between unions and employers, and the recognition of legitimate unions which American seamen have elected to organize;

2. Amendment of the safety at sea act to include a clause guaranteeing collective bargaining, recognition of agreements between unions and employers, and the recognition of legitimate unions which American seamen have elected to organize;

3. Amendment of the ship subsidy act to eliminate the clause which provides for compulsory military service in times of peace for licensed deck and engineering officers employed on subsidized ships;

4. Amendment of the safety at sea law to outlaw continuous discharge books and certificates of service and efficiency; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to William Green of the American Federation of Labor, President Roosevelt, the United States Maritime Commission and the press.

## PROTEST DEPORTATION

DETROIT.—George Pirinsky, editor of a Bulgarian workers' weekly and secretary of the Macedonian People's League, has been arrested for deportation to Fascist Bulgaria. Protest to Secretary of Labor Perkins are urged.



## Women on the March

By MARJORIE CRANE

HAVE YOU been watching the "Front Page" lately? Do you see the malefactor back of all the terrible things that are spread before our eyes? "Economic Insecurity" is his name. He holds a very important position in our present scheme of things. He lives among us, and he has come to stay, if we don't kick him out.

When a boy kills the mother of his unborn child, when a fine young woman drops in our streets from starvation, when a child is picked up right in his own living room, before a group of terror-stricken children, and then carried out into the bitter cold and murdered; what's responsible? Economic insecurity.

Shall we be longer misled, confused by fine words and speeches? Rather shall we stand back of the youth of our country and of the whole world, who have arisen and are marching and shouting in an uncertain way: "We Demand!"

The Youth is still where it sees only the primary colors clear, honest, and unconfused. Red is red and blue is blue. Their program is sane, reasonable and easy of fulfillment. It is built on 1—what they know; 2—what they want, because of what they know; and 3—how they purpose getting it.

Youth can see the young woman lying prone on the sidewalk from starvation, and the young Italian couple dead from the fumes from coal burning in a bucket, because they were too poor to buy a stove. Youth knows too, that that young woman was carrying her unborn child. Is this to be our portion later on? they want to know.

Seeing all this with steady, determined eyes they read and know that President Roosevelt has stated that the government will make drastic cuts in the WPA, and that the government has already started to do so.

We must protest in every way we know, against these cuts. Telegrams to our congressmen, and to President Roosevelt. Letters to the daily papers. We must also bring pressure to bear for the passage of legislation that will put an end for all time to the fear of starvation, exposure, and to the lack of opportunity for the development of the youth of the world.

We, also, can have a country where all must work who eat, and all may eat who'll work. Where there will be no "easy money," no thousand upon thousands for ransom to be paid to some creature, who has his individual brand of extortion, different in outward appearance, but basically about the same as the whole economic setup of a world gone mad.

Let's change it.

## YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

A Patient With Pains in His Joints, Should Have His Sinusitis Treated

Alameda, Calif.

DEAR SIR: I have had a sinusitis for years and lately in the last few months it has been worse, and I have begun to get pains in my joints.

B. D.



Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

ANSWER—The pains in your joints appear to be due to arthritis. There are several types of arthritis, but all types are usually benefited by removing infection in the body.

Your sinusitis is such an infection and should be treated.

In such a case, the best form of treatment is one that has already been described in these columns. This consists in a series of sprays to the nose, together with injection of a vaccine. This treatment is especially successful in cases of arthritis or neuritis (inflammation of the nerves) which are accompanied by inflammation of the sinuses.

Silicosis is a Serious Disease Which Can Be Prevented But Not Cured

Nevada City, Calif., Jan. 5.

DEAR DOCTOR: A friend of mine has been working in the mines here for several years, and since lately working in a mine where the conditions are particularly bad, he has gotten what a doctor says is Silicosis of the lungs.

I. J. J.

ANSWER—This is a disease of the lungs which is widespread among miners and tunnel workers. It consists in coal dust or stone dust being deposited in the tissues of the lungs. This literally turns whole sections of the lungs into stone. As yet, no treatment has been found to cure silicosis completely, after it has once started. The treatment consists entirely from preventing it from becoming worse and in preventing tuberculosis, which often follows silicosis.

It can be prevented from becoming worse only if your friend stops working in places where there is coal or stone dust, or if he wears a proper mask which strains out this dust while working.

Cold Wave Causes the Common Ailment of Chilblains

Jackson, Calif.

DEAR SIR: In this cold weather that we have been having up here, my feet have become cold and sore and itchy in spots. They seem to get that way whenever it's cold.

J. R.

ANSWER—You have what is called chilblains.

The most important measure is that everything be done to prevent this troublesome ailment. As soon as it gets cold, you should wear warm, loose woolen stockings and warm, roomy shoes. The feet should be bathed in warm water daily, and after the bath should be rubbed briskly, quickly dried, and a talcum powder dusted on.

After the condition has started, a number of measures should be tried, and the one which helps the most be used. Sometimes painting the feet with 1 part of oil of peppermint to 6 parts of glycerine affords relief. If the condition is very painful, calamine lotion should be used. When the chilblains have become less painful, try rubbing with oil of turpentine, camphorated soap liniment, or with phenolated oil.

## Workers in S. P. Give \$14 to Drive

### Doctors to Speak at Health Symposium

Southern Pacific Shop workers in Oakland showed what they think of the Western Worker. Someone passed the hat for the current financial drive.

They contributed \$14.

Also to be especially acknowledged is a collection by Comrade "S." among workers sympathetic to the Western Worker. Amount \$16.

LOS ANGELES—Four prominent Los Angeles doctors will speak at a symposium on Health and Hygiene in the Cultural Center, 230 South Spring St., Sunday, January 24, 7:30 p.m. Sophie Feider will be chairman. The doctors will speak on abortion, social diseases, mental hygiene, and preventative dental and dental hygiene.

## Two San Francisco Workers' Press Builders Will Win Big Prizes



ONE WAY to win a prize trip to the Soviet Union is to buy a ticket to the Grand Ball on March 6 in Scottish Rite Auditorium, San Francisco. You may be selected. The other way is more certain. It's the hard way. You register at 121 Haight Street and enter into the competition selling tickets to this grand ball for the benefit of the Western Worker. Whoever sells the most tickets will win the trip. Above is a part of the advertising circular with which the San Francisco Committee is campaigning in the drive.

## TOM PAINE — INTERNATIONALIST

### Wasn't Satisfied With Abstract 'Liberty'

THOMAS PAINE is set apart from some of the other founding fathers of America, and not because he did not fight as hard and as consistently as they to achieve a separation from England.

Neither is it because he did not believe as thoroughly and as passionately as they in the great concepts "freedom" and the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Benjamin Franklin once remarked: "Where liberty dwells, there is my country."

Paine paraphrased him, saying: "Where liberty dwells not, there is my country."

—Praise, But One With Meaning

If this had been merely a remark with no particular bearing other than to express a sentiment, it would not be worth repeating. Tom Paine, of all the founding fathers, proved that his utterances on liberty and reason, proved that his service to the continental army, proved that his sacrifices in the struggle for American and French liberation, came completely out of conviction and sincerity without any reference to his own welfare after the American revolution had been won.

Paine was 50 in 1787 when he went to Europe at the insistence of Danton, LaFayette and others. Enroute to France he stopped in England, to find that Edmund Burke had done the way of many liberals who talked feelingly about "liberty" and "freedom" but backed down when confronted with an actual case of impoverished people trying to get the practical benefits.

Burke had thoroughly slandered the French people who were struggling against absolutism and the worst privation. Paine answered him with his famous tract, "The Rights of Man."

"General laws are in existence for regulating and limiting workers' wages," he wrote.

Comrade Townes visited the great ballbearing factory near Leningrad where 22,000 workers are employed. Again the contrast between capitalist production and socialist production was immediately obvious in the happiness of the Soviet workers as contrasted to those who work under capitalism.

Pointing out the value of unity and organization among the workers, Comrade Betty Gannett, L. A. County organizer, said, "For the first time in France, the workers are learning what strength lies in the working working class."

She condemned the tactics of the capitalist press in besmirching the great fight of the Spanish people for democracy by raising the red scare.

To combat the lies that the capitalist press launches against the Spanish workers, against the maritime workers, against all workers when they begin to struggle for organization and unity, Comrade Gannett declared:

"We must use the means we have to reach the people—we must build our paper."

"Our papers can be made to organize the unorganized—to make for unity among the workers."

He advocated old age pensions, a tax on the rich, equal rights for women, collective bargaining. Trade unions had just made their confused beginning.

He advocated a confederation of nations. He was certainly a consistent internationalist, America's first.

He studied. He wrote. But hatred of misery inclined him to the ideologists who were preparing the groundwork for the French revolution, and such a man could attract little attention in the England of George II and III. He did attract the attention of Benjamin Franklin, who sent him to America with a letter of introduction.

He published an article on chattel slavery in March, 1775, which foreshadowed the first abolition society. In the latter part of 1775 he emerged as the great pamphleteer, author of the "Common Sense" series. Convincing that only separation would solve the problem of England's colony, he was one of the first to publicly advocate this break. The handsome proceeds of his publication went to the continental armies.

His next series, started during the most trying days of the war and entitled "The Crisis," opened with an appeal to dismisse soldiers and was generally credited with being in a large measure responsible for restoring morale in the army.

He became secretary of the continental congress. He lost that

## Who Will Visit the Soviets This Year?

### Former Members Help the Drive

Oakland, California.

Western Worker: What happens to the comrades that drop out of the party? Are they lost for the Communist movement? For our press? For our meetings? This question was answered clearly in our present Western Worker Drive in Central Oakland. Comrade Pete, former member of the C.P. in Oakland, told us at the start of the drive that he would undertake to approach former members for the support of the Western Worker. Said and done. The result was \$44 on one collection list turned in to the press committee.

While this comrade is modest and doesn't expect recognition for his good work, the Central Oakland Press Committee wishes to recognize Comrade Pete's accomplishment and expects to see Comrade Pete carrying a Party book again.

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2

They asked a longshoreman named Mitch  
To spank Joseph Ryan with a switch;  
He was willing to do it,  
But when he got to it  
He could not tell which end was which.

3

Said Thomas G. Plant, in our game  
All our stooges are willing and tame;  
And whatever we say,  
The very next day  
Mayor Rossi will tell you the same.

4

The employers have nothing but praise  
For William Green and his ways;

He so gladly agrees

To whatever they please—

They'll be missing him one of these days.

5

Matthew Woll, it is frequently said,  
Thinks whoever talks sense is a Red;  
And he goes about wearing  
A wreath of red herring  
Ensconced on the top of his head.

6

The factories in Flint are now full  
of sitting-down strikers who pull  
A real old can't-bust-em  
American custom  
They borrowed from Chief Sitting Bull.

7

A Trotskyite once, it is said,  
Heard that Communists advocate bread.  
He took the position  
Of firm opposition  
And fasted until he was dead.

8

Said the public to Rossi and Plant,  
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# International Solidarity Supports the Spanish People

## IRISH PEOPLE REPUDIATE O'DUFFY FASCIST BRIGADE TO AID FRANCO IN SPAIN

**Patriot Priest Compares Spanish Fascists To Black-and-Tans; Leaders of Dublin Brigade, IRA, and Republicans Speak**

DUBLIN—Ireland is not Fascist—the Irish people repudiate the Duffy Fascist volunteer brigade that went to help Franco in Spain.

Proof of the feelings of the real leaders of the Irish people is given in a series of articles, speeches and statements by leaders of the Church, of the old Irish Republican Army, and of the Labor and National movements.

Those who have spoken out include the Patriot Priest, Rev. Michael O'Flanagan, Frank Ryan, Left Wing Republican leader, and Thomas P. Irwin, of the old Dublin Brigade, I.R.A.

The Worker, of Dublin, recently reported their statements as follows:

In the course of a powerful indictment of Fascism at a great meeting in the Engineers' Hall, Dublin, the Rev. Michael O'Flanagan, the distinguished patriot priest, said:

"The fight in Spain is a fight of the rich privileged classes against the rank and file of the poor oppressed people of Spain."

"The cause being fought for in Spain is nearer us than is realized. The Foreign Legion and Moorish troops are to Spain what the Black and Tans were to Ireland. The Spaniards didn't send any people to join the Black and Tans here and they didn't make collections in their churches to help the Black and Tans in Ireland."

"The government of Spain was elected by the votes of the people, and on the other side is a body of rebels, mostly the old army."

"They are just the same type as our own General Gough and Carson at home. The people who are calling the Spanish rebels 'patriots' have proved to be very bad judges of patriots in Ireland."

"When we had real patriots fighting in Dublin they were called looters and it was said they were in the pay of Germany. We had an editorial in one newspaper (an allusion to Murphy's Independent) asking for the death of two of the noblest patriots in the history of Ireland, James Connolly and Sean McDermott."

"It is in the Red Republic of Russia that nationalities similar to the Basques have got their fullest freedom."

"We have had the experience," Father O'Flanagan continued, "of men being refused the rights of their church because they were real patriots. Even clergymen who were true to their country, such as Father Murphy in '98, were spurned by the ecclesiastics of their time, who were hand and glove with the British government. Now we have monuments erected to these patriot priests. I hope the Irish people will see through the hypocrisy and sham of their enemies and rally to the cause of truth and justice." (Loud applause greeted the conclusion of Father O'Flanagan's speech.)

Interviewed by a Dublin Worker representative before his departure for Spain to take command of the Irish section of the International Column, now commanded by General Kleber, Frank Ryan, the outstanding Left Wing Republican leader, said:

"The Irish contingent is a demonstration of revolutionary Ireland's solidarity with the gallant Spanish workers and peasants in their fight for freedom against Fascism. It aims to redeem Irish honor, besmirched by the intervention of Irish Fascism on the side of the Spanish Fascist rebels."

"It is to aid the revolutionary movement in Ireland to defeat the Fascist menace at home, and finally and not the least, to establish the closest fraternal bonds of kinship between the Republican democracies of Ireland and Spain."

This is the reply of the Irish workers from Belfast to Cork to the shame brought on Ireland's name before the world by O'Duffy, Belton and the "Independent" and their intervention on the side of Franco, with his Foreign Legionnaires and Moore.

Frank Ryan had a distinguished career in the Irish Independence struggle, both in the Black and Tan and Post-Treaty periods. He was a member of the I.R.A. Executive for years, editor of "An Phoblacht," the victim of innumerable jailings un-

## Greek Communist Leader Railroaded To Fascist Prison



NIKKO ZACHARIADES

ATHENS, Greece.—Nikko Zachariades, general secretary of the Communist Party of Greece, was sentenced to nine years in prison on frame-up charges for which he has just been tried.

The military dictator, John Metaxas, wanted to kill him. Legal groundwork was laid for a death sentence. Among charges pressed against him was one that in 1926, he killed an agent provocateur while fighting to defend the offices of the Greek Communist newspaper Rhizopatases.

Only protest from liberals and labor organizations throughout the world caused the court to falter in its intentions, and the severe prison sentence was meted out instead of the death penalty.

## Communist Party of Germany Rallies Aid for Spain Govt.

BERLIN.—Slipped secretly from hand to hand, left in waste bins in factories, pasted overnight on buildings, showering suddenly down the stairways of the Berlin subway, read with keen eyes even by Storm Troopers—tiny thin paper leaflets are flooding the Third Reich:

"Workers, farmers, soldiers! Working people of Germany! Hitler is sending German soldiers to Spain, because Franco's hordes cannot conquer Madrid. In order to save Krupp's millions, he sells the sons of his country to foreigners, like the German princelings of old."

"Hitler has already spent hundreds of millions in the Spanish war. In order that Franco may have more guns, the German people must eat less butter."

"Working people of Germany, do not allow your sons to be sent to war as mercenaries, in order that Krupp may gain. German youth, be soldiers of freedom. Stretch out your hands to your Spanish fellow workers. Fraternize with the heroic defenders of Madrid. Strengthen the glorious International Column."

Eagerly the words are read. Here and there in the factories a workman turns to his mate, smiling. Madrid has not fallen, although Goebbels radios have screamed out the "news" of its capture.

At the bottom of the tiny paper are the letters "K.P.D."—the Communist Party of Germany.

## Japanese Workers Organize Against Food Crisis

TOKYO.—Nazi Germany's internal food crisis is finding its counterpart in Japan, where the working class is organizing to fight mass hunger.

Since the new year prices of foodstuffs and other staples have risen from 10 to 30 percent, and in some cases as much as 50 percent, even in the big public markets of Tokyo and Osaka where rice and fish, main items of the Japanese diet, are sold.

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## Wall Street's Army in Philippines Is Backed by Quezon

MANILA.—Wall Street's new Philippines Army, being organized now by Major General Douglas MacArthur, former chief of staff of the United States Army, was defended by Manuel Quezon, Commonwealth president, in a speech before 15,000 cadets. Quezon, who has crushed all trade unions in the Islands, attacked all anti-war organizations.

## 20,000,000 Copies of Stalin Reports Sold

MOSCOW.—Twenty million copies of Stalin's report on the new Soviet Constitution have been sold out already, and reprints are being prepared. Millions of copies are to be printed in specially large type for children. The report is translated in every language used by all Soviet nationalities. The Constitution is also being published in millions of copies for broadest possible distribution.

## INTERNATIONAL COLUMN WILL LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF SPANISH PEOPLE DEFENDING DEMOCRACY

### Famous Anti-Fascists From Many Nations Fight to Save Madrid From Franco and His Nazi, Italian Allies

MADRID—Forever in the heart of the Spanish people and friends of democracy, will live the gallant members of the International Column, who came from all over the world to defend the constitutional Spanish government against Fascism.

The International Column has played a stirring role in the defense of Madrid, and it symbolizes the international solidarity of the democratic people with Spanish democracy.

#### Fought With Red Army

Commander of the column is General Emil Kleber. Born in Austria, Kleber was drafted into the Austrian army and later found himself fighting as an officer against the Red Army of the U.S.S.R. Kleber deserted to the Red Army.

Kleber fought with the Red Army and then went to Canada, where he became a naturalized citizen. When the Spanish civil war started, he offered his services to the government, and he and the International Column went into action on the front of the Fascists' siege of Madrid started.

Lieut. Col. Randofo Pacciardi is a lawyer and intellectual, who served in the Italian Army with such valor in the World War he was given the highest award. After the war, he entered politics as a republican and formed a war veterans' organization. In a famous law case, Pacciardi successfully defended a Socialist newspaper in Ferrara against attack by Italo Balbo, now Fascist governor of Libya. After Mussolini came to power, he had to leave Italy.

With Pacciardi are Pietro Neri, one of the two political advisers of the Column, an intellectual who was a friend of Mussolini before the war when Mussolini was a member of the Socialist Party; and Umberto Balliani, a director of the New York Stamp Libera, anti-Fascist newspaper.

Among the anti-Fascist Germans in the Column is a man, known only as Hans, who was an officer in the German army in the war. He helped the Austrian miners in the 1934 revolt in Spain, then went to France. When the civil war broke out in Spain, he left his wife and his job, as he says, "to defend liberty."

Gusta Peglar, German author and a Catholic, is also in the Column. One of his best known books is a bout the Saar, "Under Crossfire," an anti-Nazi novel.

Another German political commissar was Hans Beimler, who was a Communist Deputy in the Reichstag before Hitler, and who was imprisoned in the Dachau concentration camp, from which he escaped. Beimler was killed in action early last December, and his loss has been deeply felt throughout the Column.

Ernst is a French worker who volunteered. The day he was called his father died, but he went the next day, leaving a family and a good job. When asked why, he simply said: "I just felt I had to go."

A young Englishman fighting with the Column is David MacKenzie, son of the Read Admiral of that name in the British Navy. With him is Esmond Romilly, 19, nephew of Winston Churchill.

Another German is Alois Weissbaeber, who comes from the Saar. He was a metal worker and organized an anti-Nazi Catholic Party, so he had to leave the Saar when the plebiscite went for Hitler. He is now the star ambulance driver of the Column.

Andre Malraux, the famous French novelist, is with the Column.

Come from all nations, these heroic anti-Fascists symbolize the world fight of forces for democracy against Fascism, destruction and war.

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## Mexico Oil Strike

MEXICO CITY.—In protest

against the Federal Labor De-

partment for suspending nego-

tiations for a blanket labor con-

tract for all oil workers, 18,000

members of the Oil Workers'

Syndicate walked out in a 24-

hour general strike last week.

Hussars during the World War.

Later he fought in the Soviet Red Army against Kolchak's in-

ternationalist army. Asked why

he came to help the Spanish

people, he gave three reasons:

because he hates Hitler, and

this is Hitler's war"; because

Franco is killing women and

children; and because he has

democratic ideals.

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## Farmer-Laborites Support People's Peace Program

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — A people's peace program was unanimously adopted by the Hennepin County convention of the Farmer-Labor Association meeting here, for submission to the coming state convention of the Association.

The program included demand that the embargo on sale of war materials to the Spanish government be lifted.

Building of a broad people's peace movement, as recommended by Secretary of State Cordell Hull in his recent speech at the Inter-American Peace Conference, was proposed, to be based on the trade unions, farmers, organizations, churches, women's clubs, youth groups and other mass organizations, "to exert collective influence on the foreign policy of the government in the interests of the people, to check war-makers, combat Fascism, and make the United States an outstanding world force for peace."

Cooperation With Soviet Union

The program called for development of a unified peace policy based on keeping out of war by cooperating to keep war out of the world, requiring strengthening of collective security by collaboration with the League of Nations, the Soviet Union and with all peace forces throughout the world against the war-institutors—Germany, Italy, Japan.

Political commissars are attached with full military rank and authority to divisions, brigades, regiments, companies, battalions, and even platoons. Their function is to organize and develop political conviction and soldiers.

Their work varies from teaching the illiterate to read and write, to ensuring that gas masks are understood and fitted properly.

Political commissars organize lectures and discussions on such subjects as the meaning of Fascism. They read and explain the daily papers, and deal by explanation and discussion with drunkenness, breaking barracks, and all matters of discipline. They have a special responsibility for vigilance against suspicious characters and espionage. One of their most important responsibilities is publication of regional newspapers.

A special periodical, "El Comisario," serves to help and train commissars, with leading articles on the most vital problems of the moment; for example, the need for intensive psychological preparation among the troops for an even more furious Fascist attack. It argues against any slackening of vigilance, or allowing our successes in beating all previous attempts by the Fascists to capture Madrid, to lull us into a sense of security.

The second issue develops the theme of attack as the best defense.

Of all organizations, the Communist Party has probably been the most active. On the Central front, for instance, 80 percent of the political commissars are Communists.

In general, political commissars have been of the greatest value to the people's army. They have already gained for themselves a reputation for heroism in the firing line. By their personal example and political conviction, they are helping to build an army that nobody can defeat.

# Poor Farmers In Yucaipa Valley Lose Their Peach Trees

## THUG ATTACKS UNION PICKET IN SAN DIEGO

**Second Provocation By Anti-Labor Bosses**

By a Worker Correspondent  
SAN DIEGO—Joe Solomon, member of the Laborers and Hodcarriers' Union, and also a member of the Retail Clerks' Union, was beaten up on the picket line before a Pay'n-Takit Store at 12th and Market Street Monday evening January 11. Joe Solomon has been donating his time in the Safeway strike for almost three months to help the Butchers' and Teamsters' unions.

Monday morning he was injured on the job where he was working, tearing the ligaments in his hand, and had to go to a doctor for emergency treatment.

Joe went out on the picket line at his customary place that afternoon, and soon a Mrs. Freednash came out of the store and began abusing him for trying to sign up one of her husband's clerks into the Retail Clerks' Union. This clerk, a friend of Joe's, worked at the Bay City Liquor Store at 30th and Main Street, one of a chain of liquor stores which Mr. Freednash owned.

### Brutally Attacked

Joe said that he had a perfect right to talk to her husband's clerks, and that he would continue to do so, whereupon Mrs. Freednash rushed away to get her husband.

A few minutes later Mr. Freednash arrived with a burly friend and immediately attacked and began beating Joe up, although Joe's right hand was bandaged. Freednash shouted to passers-by that Joe had insulted his wife, which was an out-and-out lie.

There being no other pickets around at the time, Joe was incapable of defending himself and as a result was badly beaten.

### Teamster Was Attacked

This brutal attack on San Diego peaceful pickets is reminiscent of the occurrence two months ago when "Curly" McLaughlin was struck over the head with a milk bottle at the same store by a Safeway Store employee who said: "I ain't got no use for guys what asks me to join a union."

The rat who attacked "Curly," who is a militant member of the Teamsters' Union, struck him directly across the face with the quart bottle, shattering it and opening a deep gash a half inch above his eye, which took three stiches to close. By a lucky break, "Curly's" eyes were not put out.

## It's Past Time to Retire This Anti-Labor Judge

By a Worker Correspondent  
GLENDALE.—The Glendale "News Press" prints an article about Police Judge Lowe, who has been in his job for the last 20 years, always representing the rich people.

This man spent 15 minutes in court ridiculing WPA workers, "who don't work but lean on their shovels, who are too lazy to work."

Fellow workers, isn't it time we retired such "do-dos" in their dotage? On various occasions I have watched tired men in greasy overalls come before this man for trifling infractions and more serious charges and get 30 days in jail, while slightly bored but well-dressed individuals paid a \$10 fine and equally bored strolled out of the court room.

## Cost of Living Is Still Going Up Throughout U.S.

WASHINGTON.—It's costing more to live every month, figures in the monthly survey of the National Industrial Conference Board, revealed.

The cost of living at the end of 1936 was 2.6 percent above 1935 and 20.1 percent above April, 1935.

From last December, living costs advanced .3 percent. Food prices increased .5 percent, raising them 1.1 percent above the level of December, 1935, and 38.6 percent above the low point of 1935.

Rents advanced .5 percent, clothing .1 percent and coal .1 percent.

## Room for You!

More room for more correspondents!

With this issue, all advertisements have been moved off this Workers' Correspondence Page to take care of the increased news being sent in by our correspondents in farm and factory, throughout California.

So let's have your story in right away! And ask for a bundle of the issue it appears in, so you can circulate it among your fellow-workers and friends (rates 2½ cents per copy to correspondents). Then ask the readers if this paper isn't worth donating to, and get contributions for our \$12,000 financial drive!

Remember—book prizes of great value are still being offered to the writer of the best story of the week. Latest winner comes from the Chevrolet plant, over in Oakland, where great struggles are looming as the auto industry is organizing under the CIO. He receives "The Coming Struggle for Power," by John Strachey, but before we can send him the book, he'll have to send us his address.

Lenin's "Imperialism" is the prize for the best story in this issue and the next. The prize for the following week will be "Spain in Revolt," by Harry Gannes and Theodore Repard.

Write YOUR story today! Address Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

## San Francisco Recruiting Conference

(By State Organization Commission)

San Francisco Party Builders were proud at their Conference Jan. 9 when they heard County Organizer Spector announce the County recruited 517 new Party members since Sept. 7, with two weeks to go.

"Spark plugs" of the Drive adopted an additional quota of 100 members by the Congress, total of 617. They personally signed new pledges to recruit 55 new members.

They realized they should also be held responsible for aiding slower comrades in their units and sections to recruit five by Jan. 21, to become fraternal delegates and pledged that every comrade in their units will have at least one recruit.

When Comrade F., Waterfront Section, walked in, he was greeted with warm applause for his fine work in recruiting 29 new members, qualifying as Party Builder No. 1 in California. Comrade F. said:

"It is an easy task to recruit, but it is more difficult to see that the new comrade is attending new members' units and fraction meetings." He felt the main question should not only be "How many did you recruit?" but also "How many have you brought into new members' units?" and "How many of your recruits are attending their fractions?"

Popular initiation of legislation, granting women equal rights with men, popular election of federal judges, now appointed by the President; electoral college changes, are among some of the amendments proposed.

Six amendments limiting the government's power to declare war, reflect the mass peace sentiments of the American people.

Senator Sheppard, Texas, still hasn't given up the 18th Amendment which he authored. He introduced two amendments, both to repeal the 21st Amendment, which repealed the prohibition amendment.

In his budget message to the State Legislature, Merriam tried to paint a rosy picture, tried to present a lot of figures and financial statements to prove that everything is hunky-dory in California. But he couldn't quite make the grade with his rosy picture.

**Sales Tax Repeal...**

First of all, Merriam wants the present tax structure just as it is, and particularly doesn't want the sales tax—which hits the working people—wiped off the books, or the income tax hiked up.

At least 90 per cent of the tax burden is borne by those least able to pay, while those most able to pay—the rich—pay very little.

On this basis, Merriam promised to "balance the budget"—on the backs of the working people—and forecast a surplus of \$21,000,000 two years hence if the Legislature does not authorize expenditures in excess of the Merriam budget.

This program is desperately needed by hundreds of thousands of California's citizens, and must be put over. It needs financing. How can it be financed? Very simply, by taxing those who can afford to pay, by taxing the rich—not only to finance this new legislation, but to take up the slack that must be caused by repealing the sales tax.

Taxing the rich is going to be awfully tough for Governor Merriam to swallow, and even tougher for him to tell his bosses about—the Gianninis, Hearsts, Chandlers, Dollars, Fleishackers, Matsoms, etc.

And it's going to cause terrible hardships on the Gianninis, Hearsts, etc., who will have to drop a few race horses from their stables, or who will be

expended for relief and administration per case per month is down to their last yacht.

## CLEANERS WON BY INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION

### Progressive Officers Set Up Machinery To Organize

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO — Many probably wonder still as to how the cleaners were able to organize a majority of the workers in the industry so suddenly, with such little apparent effort.

In the past the Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers Union had found its membership now increasing and then decreasing. Many members had given up hope. Then suddenly, with an explosion, the thing was done. Thomas and Alec's largest plant in town, was signed up after a two-day strike, very little struggle.

Prior to the election of the new set of officers, the union was carrying on a battle on two fronts, both within the union and with the bosses. Those of the old set that were progressive found barriers and obstacles within the organization. These obstacles were die-hards functioning as leaders.

### Reactionaries Removed

Because of the consistent fight that the progressives put up, they were able to keep the union together. (Attempts were made to split the union by transferring the drivers to the teamsters.) As time went on the rank-and-file became aware of the necessity to demote those leaders who had retarded the growth of the union. So in a new election this was done. Those that were progressive were reelected, and those that were not were replaced.

This new set immediately set up the machinery to organize the unorganized into the union.

### Industrial Set-up Is Key

However, they had an advantage very few labor-unions possess—namely, the form of organization under which the Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers Union was organized the industrial form.

**This is the key to the question as to how it was done so quickly. The industrial form calls for one shop, one industry with one union.**

Had the cleaners been divided into various groups involving crafts (Pressers Union, Dyers Union, Spotters Union, Drivers Union, etc.), with separate locals, each with its own set of officers, meeting separately, all on different dates, with a business agent for each local, with separate contracts for each craft expiring on different dates, requiring each local to take separate votes, it would have found itself involved in a lot of red tape.

This then would probably have resulted in a victory for the bosses at the expense of the workers.

Just picture the pressers on strike, with the drivers and spotters working because their contracts don't expire until some time later, therefore being compelled to work. This would be the set-up under the craft form of organization. The craft form is what Wm. Green and his pals would have. This is in keeping with their policy of cooperating with bosses to the extent that the Committee for Industrial Organization, headed by John L. Lewis, was suspended from the AFL.

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## Over 100,000,000 Heads to Count



GIRLS IN a government office in Moscow receiving instructions on the operation of machines known as certifiers, which are being used to ascertain the exact number of inhabitants of the Soviet Union. With a thorough-going system of child and maternal welfare, population increases fast.

## Single Jobless Will Meet to Get Organized

By a Worker Correspondent  
LODI—Single unemployed workers of California are to meet in Sacramento February 5-6, for the purpose of demanding cash relief and other help.

This meeting will be a united front, so we are asking all organizations to print notice in their papers and to take part in this new work.

Single men need help and must eat. Single men need to organize. There are groups in Canada of this kind, so why not here?

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## LIVELIHOOD IS TAKEN AWAY, FARMERS ARE NOT COMPENSATED FOR TREES ORDERED CUT DOWN

### State Grange Tries to Help Poor Farmers Near Redlands Get Cash for Trees Hit by Peach Mosaic Disease

By a Worker Correspondent

SANTA BARBARA—Last September I visited my brother in Yucaipa Valley, seven miles from Redlands in San Bernardino County, California. This valley has long been well known for deciduous fruits—wonderful peaches, apples, plums, etc., it being in high altitude, too cold for citrus fruit. My brother owns 14 acres mostly peaches, some apples.

Not long before I was there it seems the government horticultural inspectors had found a very serious disease—the peach mosaic—in many of the peach trees. Not all the peach trees had it, but many did in a territory approximately 30 miles or more square and centering in Yucaipa Valley.

Farmers Lost Their Trees

The inspectors marked each tree having the disease and the WPA workers were ordered to cut the trees down.

Many of the farmers were angry, even threatening violence. Some signed a paper permitting it.

No doubt the disease was serious enough to need eradicating.

PETALUMA—I am again tempted to write and draw your attention to certain events of the past and present that will help bring to the workers and yourselves a clear-cut picture of the reactionary element fighting labor under the name of law and order and otherwise misrepresenting the true facts which I will state forthwith.

## SONOMA COUNTY LABOR ENEMIES

Santa Rosa Paper and Rural Press Wail for Profiteers

By a Worker Correspondent

ALASKA UNION REPORTS UNITY

## Negotiations for 1937 Will Start Soon With Packers

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—In accord with reports made recently by Brother George Woolf, president of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, this union and the sister union, the Alaska Cannery and Farm Laborers' Union of Seattle, are practically one.

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# Oil Workers' Organizing Drive Must be Prepared by Labor

## PRAISE MARINE UNIONS' AID TO PICKET DRIVE

**Building Council In S.F. Pledge \$2000 To Aid Repeal**

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The San Francisco Building Trades Council has pledged \$2000 to aid the campaign for repeal of the San Francisco anti-picket law, which will be on the ballot March 9.

The Labor Council-Building Trades Council anti-picketing committee has urged an assessment of 25 cents for each trade union member to help fight for repeal of the vicious 20-year-old ordinance.

Secretary King of the campaign committee especially praises the maritime unions for the aid they have given in the campaign for repeal of the ordinance.

Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, has announced that he, as the Federation's legislative representative, had a bill introduced in Sacramento to legalize picketing.

Headquarters of the general campaign committee for repeal of the anti-picketing law have been opened at 1095 Market St., Room 409.

## Furniture Unions Convene on Drive

**LOS ANGELES**—To lay plans for a gigantic organizing campaign throughout the country's unorganized districts, five thousand furniture workers, will send representatives to Los Angeles January 25, in the fourth convention of the Advisory Council of Furniture Workers.

Locals which will be present at the convention will be local 1506 Bellingham, Washington; 1007 Seattle, Washington; 1413, Gray's Harbor, Washington; 1719, Tacoma, Washington; 1482, Portland, Oregon; 1886, Albany, Oregon; 1541, San Francisco, California; 1779, Oakland, California; 1416, Los Angeles, California.

In addition to mapping plans for organization of the unorganized furniture workers, the convention will discuss the establishment of a national wage scale for all furniture workers and also ways to promote the sale of Union-made furniture.

Along with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, of which the Furniture Workers is a chartered member, the union has achieved in many districts on the West Coast 100 percent organization where all workers must carry a union card in order to work in a furniture factory.

Recently the Brotherhood of Carpenters appointed Howard Bennett of Tacoma and John Murray of Los Angeles to represent the Furniture Workers on the coast and to aid in co-ordinating activities of organization.

## Map L.A. Drive For Theater Employees

**LOS ANGELES**—To plan organization of ushers, cashiers and other theatre employees the executive board of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, powerful film industry union, opened its first meeting in Hollywood in six years on Monday, January 11.

George E. Brown, president of the organization and recently elected vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, presided at the week-long meeting.

Chief among the problems discussed are the necessary organization of unorganized workers in the picture studios.

Seven vice-presidents of the union, secretary-treasurer, three trustees, and two AFL convention delegates participated in the sessions.

## Culinary Internat'l Will Back Drive On Taverns with \$10,000

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The Culinary Crafts Alliance is preparing to seriously tackle the job of organizing the White Log Tavern Chain, which with the Foster restaurant chain is the most vicious open-shop outfit in the food industry here.

The International has assured the Alliance that it will back the effort to organize this chain to the extent of \$10,000.

## Civil Liberties Is Topic In East Bay Labor Forum

**OAKLAND**—“Civil Liberties” is the subject of the Labor Forum of the Central Labor Council to be held in Carpenters Hall, Sunday, January 31 at 8 p.m.

Speakers will be Walter Cowan, vice-president of the California State Federation of Labor and chairman of its Agricultural Committee, and Elena R. de Fremery, chairman of the Defense and Freedom Committees of Local 349, American Federation of Teachers.

Her topic will be “Freedom in Education.” Questions and discussion by the audience will follow the principal address. Admission free.

This meeting is clearly important for friends of education and of the labor movement, as well as for teachers. Help to swell attendance; come and bring others.

## A Labor Bill of Rights in L.A.

**LOS ANGELES**—Councilman Parley P. Christensen of the ninth district has presented a resolution to the Los Angeles city council providing for “collective bargaining, and to provide against violence and public disturbance in connection with Labor disputes,” and will press for its passage, in which he will be aided by Organized Labor and other progressive citizens. The resolution follows:

### Labor's Rights

“Whereas, It is the declared policy of the United States government, as set out in Sec. 151, Title 29, USCA (United States code, Annotated), commonly called the Wagner act, to eliminate the cause of certain substantial obstructions to the free flow of commerce and to mitigate and eliminate these obstructions when they have occurred, by encouraging the practice and procedure of collective bargaining by protecting the exercise of workers of full freedom of association, self organization and designation of representatives of their own choosing, for the purpose of negotiating the terms and conditions of their employment for their mutual aid or protection; and

“Whereas, This council is of the opinion the denial by employers to their employees of the right to organize and select representatives of their own choosing to negotiate the terms and conditions of employment, is defiance of the policy laid down by the United States government, leads to strikes and other forms of industrial unrest, which have the effect;

“(a) Of causing the assemblage of a large number of men, women and children in and about the premises of such employer;

“(b) Of straining the capacity of the police department when policing the area, thus depriving the public residing in other parts of the city of its right to the usual standard of police protection;

Denied Civil Rights

“(c) Of denying citizens their right to the full and free use of the streets and highways in the vicinity of the employer's premises;

“(d) Of creating generally evil consequences which are offensive to the morals, health and general welfare of the community at large;

“(e) Of creating a feeling of resentment among the citizens and residents of Los Angeles, who are not directly concerned with such collective bargaining and causing a real danger to life, limb and property; now

“Therefore, for the purposes of preventing danger of disorder arising out of the conditions described, it is

“Resolved, By this council that the city attorney be instructed to prepare draft of another ordinance providing that any contract or agreement of any kind for the performance of any work for the city of Los Angeles, or the furnishing of any goods, wares or merchandise to the city of Los Angeles, shall contain as a condition thereof, a provision for collective bargaining; and be it further

“Resolved, That no franchises be let or granted to any person unless such franchise contains a condition guaranteeing the right of collective bargaining.”

## Moulder's Make Flat 15% Wage Increase Demands, 'Frisco

**SAN FRANCISCO**—In negotiating for a new agreement, the Moulder's Union is making a flat demand of a 15 per cent wage increase for all classifications. The union also demands a 40-hour week.

Negotiations began on Monday, January 18.

## BUZZELL TRIES TO KNIFE IDEA OF LABOR LAWS

### Attack Upon Sacto. Meet Ought to Tickle Open Shoppers

**LOS ANGELES**—Viciously attempting to forestall the growing movement of organized labor toward independent political action in Los Angeles, reactionary secretary of the Central Labor Council, J. W. Buzzell, brands the California Peoples' Legislative Conference as unrepresentative of labor.

The Knifing Act

In a letter dated January 14, addressed to all local unions in Los Angeles, Buzzell writes:

“There are popping up a number of organizations under various names, the California People's Legislative Conference, League for Constitutional Rights, and others, who label themselves as ‘Labor’ and who are submitting or proposing to submit to the legislature certain measures and earmarking them Labor measures; and, in order to secure or establish some respectability for their claims to represent Labor, they have, in various ways, used the names of certain Labor representatives.”

Determined to isolate the trade unions from the militant surge toward a Farmer-Labor Party and to stifle the rank and file demands in the unions, Buzzell in his letter urges each union “not to send any communications to members of the legislature until called upon to do so by the State Federation of Labor or the Los Angeles Labor Council.”

Kern County Labor Council Elects

**BAKERSFIELD**—Nomination of officers for the 1937 term were opened by the Labor Council, and election and installation will take place Tuesday, January 26.

Postponement of election for one week was ordered in order to leave a date open for the proposed Longshoremen meeting in Bakersfield. Nominations made Tuesday night include:

President: Russell Fullerton, Josephine Rankin.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Russell Fullerton, C. E. Sheets, Harry Scribner.

Trustees: Josephine Rankin, Dave Gallup, W. A. Starr, C. C. Sheets, Herman W. Phillips, Harry Scribner, Russell Fullerton, Frank H. Lowe, T. J. Conarty, George McNeil.

Executive Board: W. A. Wallace, Sam Smith, Al Sessions, Clyde Champion.

Kroehler Men Hold Tight After 4 Mos.

**SAN FRANCISCO**—On Jan. 21 the strike of the 100 Kroehler Manufacturing Co. workers was four months old, yet the strikers' ranks were as solid as the day the strike started.

The plant will stay shut down or open under union conditions,” the Upholsterers Union says.

It is significant that Chamber of Commerce attorneys are handling things for the company, whose plant in Ingleside, near Los Angeles is also struck.

For the past 14 weeks the members of the union have been paying a 10 per cent levy to support the Kroehler strikers.

Despite the fact that the strike is on, the union has voted \$100 to aid the maritime workers' strike.

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L.A. Box and Crate Makers Join the Family of Unions

**LOS ANGELES**—A charter has been granted to the recently organized Box and Crate Makers Local in Los Angeles by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

The Furniture Worker, official organ of the furniture workers locals throughout the United States, states:

“Raises have been received as the result of the organization of the workers in the box and crating factories in this district. Many workers state they have received their first raises since the establishment of the NRA. The Box Makers' Local was started only six weeks ago and clearly shows the benefits of organization.”

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## Long Beach Meeting Reveals Danger of Reactionary Move

By TOM PATTERSON

Most striking of the public announcements coming out of the recent meeting in Long Beach of the international executive council of the Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers of America was one by President Harvey Fremming that a mass drive to organize a million oil workers would be started about April first under the direct supervision of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

It is an announcement that oil workers everywhere have greeted heartily. Highly important also is the fact that Fremming included in this number of organizeable oil workers the thousands employed in service stations, who for the most part have had to organize their own federal locals heretofore, in spite of the fact that the Oil Workers' Union has jurisdiction over them.

Certainly this should mean that Oil Workers' locals should in the near future receive instructions as to the organization of local committees into which not only the oil locals, but the entire labor movement in the oil regions should be drawn into collaboration.

Prepare to make it a real drive.

It would logically follow that preliminary arrangements should be started to set up oil workers' at present hired.

Calloway is quite a friend of William Green's policies. Fremming and his cohorts on the executive council repeat their assurances that they stand heartily for the C.I.O.

It would seem that this preliminary move bears a strong resemblance to the means that J. C. Coulter and other local reactionaries have taken in the past to displace, and in effect sabotage, any organized drive.

The truth stood out more clearly when it was pointed out by numerous members of the local that no steps whatever had been taken to organize, publicize and properly guide the excellent work being undertaken without any help or guidance by numerous hard-working members of the local.

More lies behind the Calloway deal.

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## THE SIT-DOWN STRIKE IN THE CALIFORNIA COTTON MILL CO. AS TOLD BY ONE WHO STRUCK

Not a Worker Would Budge Until Company Was Willing to Take a Reasonable Attitude on Workers Demands

By a “SIT DOWNER”

**OAKLAND**—Even after we went back to work, ending our four months' strike last September the California Cotton Mills Company tried to discriminate against Union people in every way they possibly could.

The very fact that the company was beaten and we went back

get the management to hold a meeting soon. Of course the company's aim was that the workers start working without their second-hand and that would weaken the fight, so they stalled meeting with the Union committee.

At 10 a.m., without any leadership, but a sure resentment spread and immediately the whole spinning-spooling department stopped working, the power was shut off and all sat down at their machines.

A few minutes later the other spinning department sat down. If began to spread to other departments. The management was amazed. They stormed and threatened, telling us we were fired, that we must get out if we did not intend to move, that the management was going to throw us out, that our pay was stopped, etc.

No One Moved

Not one moved. Even the non-union people whom the management felt we could not move our way, sat down and no plea of the company could move them. This showed the company very plainly whose lead the workers will follow—that of the Union, and that the Union is the agency of the workers in the mill.